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Types of Apartments

Know before you go

There are more types of apartments in New York than there are... well, there are a lot of different types.

Convertible:

an apartment featuring a space large enough to be walled off and used as a dining area or bedroom. For example, a convertible two-bedroom (aka "flex 2") is a place that already has a large bedroom as well as an area that could be walled off to create a second bedroom.

Studio:

one room with a full bathroom and a kitchen. It may have an alcove for dressing or dining.

Convertible studio:

a studio plus. This could be a studio large enough to be able to create a walled-off space for sleeping.

Alcove studio:

an alcove is defined as an area no more than one hundred square feet located off of the living space. It's sometimes referred to as a half room. Depending on its size and location, it could be walled off to create a sleeping alcove or a dining alcove. An alcove studio is a one-room studio with an alcove (often L-shaped) that can be used as a sleeping area.

Loft:

one large room, usually located in a building that was converted from commercial to residential, with really high ceilings and windows. A loft can present with anything from a studio to three bedrooms, although this is usually specified at the outset.

Junior 1-bedroom:

a step up from a studio, a junior 1 might be a large studio or a loft of sorts, sometimes featuring a separate sleeping area and/or an eat-in kitchen.

Junior 4:

a one-bedroom apartment with a separate dining room or small room. It's called a junior 4 because it features four rooms: a bedroom, a kitchen, a living room, and an extra small room.

Three-room:

the best example of this is a railroad apartment (several rooms connected by doors but no hallway), where the apartment features three rooms, but the layout doesn't lend itself to creating more than one or two bedrooms.

Two-bedroom:

also known as a real two-bedroom, this has two actual bedrooms, a common living space, and a kitchen which might be separate.

Wing two-bedroom:

this style of apartment has two bedrooms joined by a small common space, such as a kitchen, but not much more insofar as living space is concerned

Classic six:

a three-bedroom apartment typically found in pre-war buildings. It features a large dining room, a living room, and a full, separate kitchen. Many of these beauties have been remodeled to create more apartments from the typically large space.

Duplex or triplex:

apartments with two or three levels, respectively. The levels may be unique in that the second or third level is for sleeping only, or they may feature actual floors with bathrooms on each level.

Garden apartment:

this is an apartment with access to a garden. If you have one of these, you'll have lots of visitors in the summer. The term can also mean a basement level apartment. Because the apartment is partially below ground, windows will be higher up on the walls. Before visiting the apartment, verify what is meant by garden apartment.

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